

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

AGENDA REVIEW	4/29/15
BOARD MEETING	5/19/15
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	All
DEPARTMENT	Mental Health
SUBJECT	Approval to enter into a new Sole Source Legal Entity (LE) Agreement with Project Return Peer Support Network (Project Return) for the provision of peer-run mental health and recovery services to adult consumers countywide.
PROGRAM	Department of Mental Health (DMH) Adult System of Care
DEADLINES	6/30/15
COST & FUNDING	The LE Agreement will be for three Fiscal Years (FY) 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18, with a Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) of \$3,056,901 for FY 2015-16, \$1,995,235 for FY 2016-17 and \$1,907,235 for FY 2017-18, and will be fully funded by State Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Revenue.
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	The recommended actions will allow DMH to enter into a LE Agreement with Project Return for the provision of peer-run mental health and recovery services to adult consumers countywide.
SUMMARY/ ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)	<p>DMH intends to enter into a sole source agreement with Project Return in recognition of their expertise and demonstrated competence in providing a broad array of peer-run mental health and recovery services. Project Return has been an integral part of DMH for more than 30 years, operating its program as part of a DMH Agreement with Mental Health America of Los Angeles (MHA) since August 1980. Since 1992, Project Return has been a client-run program – designed, directed, staffed, and advised by individuals recovering from serious mental illness. Project Return also offers a Peer-Run Respite Care Home (PRRCH) which provides a short-stay, voluntary living opportunity designed to provide safe and healing environments where adult consumers can move through their psychiatric distress in a relatively brief time of 14 to 30 days and also Peer-Run Integrated Services Management (PRISM) which provides linkage to health, mental health, substance abuse, and housing services to empower PRRCH guests and other interested individuals to sustain their own recovery.</p> <p>Project Return also offers the County's only Warm Line, a toll-free number operating 365 days per year, available weekday evenings, offering peer-to-peer support as well as needed information on mental health resources and also has a unique "Bridging" program, where clients in IMDs, hospitals, and jails are outreached by Project Return peer staff to provide support in transitioning from those facilities.</p>
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